

July 17, 2006

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 17, 2006, in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Armstrong led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Miranda, Smisek, Strehler, Wang, and Chairperson Stadler.

Absent: Commissioner Smith.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Myers, Senior Supervisor McClelland, Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson, and Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

MOTION: Commissioner Wang moved to grant Commissioner Smith an excused absence for the July 17, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Strehler seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Smisek moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Armstrong moved for the approval of the June 19, 2006 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Smith).

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

6A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

In response to Commissioner Wang's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Myers suggested that the committee wait until the September Commission meeting to revisit the criteria for the Literary Arts award category.

6B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

6C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Cultural Services Manager Myers advised that the 2006 Grants to Non-Profit Organizations was approved by City Council on June 20, 2006.

7. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson reported that as of the end of last week "Flourish" had 895 visitors and that there would be one more Stories in Art on July 27, 2006. She stated that the South Bay Watercolor Society would open at the Museum on August 5, 2006 with the opening reception from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. She advised that it would be a juried show and that approximately 40 pieces were being accepted. She reported that Gallery Two would feature Brad Hicks with "Living Water."

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported on the success of the Fourth of July celebration at Wilson Park and announced upcoming events that include Shakespeare in the Park on July 28-29, "Grease" on August 5-19, and StarLight's production of "Beauty and the Beast" at the end of August. He advised that the new Torrance Seasons guide would be mailed out next week and shared information about summer interns from Exxon Mobil, the Getty Museum, and Los Angeles County.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers reported on the Starters event on July 13, 2006 with Marina V and Wild Wednesdays! that continues on July 26, 2006 with the Mary White Band.

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that new City Council members would be introduced to community and cultural services in the City on July 20, 2006, with a luncheon at the Torrance Art Museum.

8. ORALS

8A. Commissioner Miranda stated that he was attending Bob Foster's inaugural celebration for the Mayor of Long Beach on July 18, 2006, that he enjoyed seeing muralist and painter Eliseo Art Silva, and that he was looking forward to seeing Morris Albert on July 29, 2006.

8B. Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed "Best of Broadway" on July 14, 2006 and visiting the Fashion Institute of Design on July 17, 2006. She noted that the students from Kashiwa would be arriving on August 4, 2006 and thanked Commissioner Strehler for helping to paint the carousel horse for the Foundation's gala.

In response to Commissioner Miranda's inquiry, she stated that the auction portion of the gala made \$58,000.

8C. Commissioner Armstrong shared information about the hoe down for the Historical Society on July 15, 2006.

8D. Commissioner Wang stated that she was impressed with the Foundation's gala and commended board members for their talent and efforts. She stated that the Institute of Museum and Library Services gave awards to 12 museums, two in Southern

California. She shared information about the shipping of the Gustav Klimt exhibit to New York.

8E. Commissioner Strehler stated that she enjoyed visiting the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Ooodles of Noodles, the last Works in Progress, and the July 12, 2006 Torrance Artist Guild meeting with Ron Libbrecht.

8F. Chairperson Stadler shared information about her trip to New York where she saw "The Producers," "Chicago," the Guggenheim Museum, and the Metropolitan Museum. She also enjoyed Ooodles of Noodles and the Monterey Aquarium.

8G. Cultural Services Manager Myers offered to loan the City's American Association of Museum pass to Commissioners when they travel out of town.

8H. Commissioner Wang stated that she would be unable to attend the September 18, 2006 Commission meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:32 p.m., Commissioner Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Stadler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted September 18, 2006 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
